

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): An equalizer controlling method using a sync signal in a digital vestigial sideband (VSB) system, the equalizer controlling method comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting one of a pre-end signal and a post-end signal of the equalizer according to an input control signal;

(b) separating a sync signal from the signal selected in step (a), and generating a control signal by the separated sync signal;

(c) controlling an equalizer mode by the sync signal separated in step (b) and the control signal generated in step (b); and

(d) performing equalizing corresponding to the controlled mode.

2. (currently amended): The equalizer controlling method of claim 1, wherein said step (a) comprising the sub-steps of ~~previously-first~~ performing filtering for removing National Television System Committee (NTSC) components from the pre-end signal of the equalizer; and then selecting one of the pre-end signal and the post-end signal of the equalizer according to an on/off control signal for controlling the NTSC rejection filtering operation.

3. (previously presented): The equalizer controlling method of claim 1, wherein said step (a) comprising the sub-steps of:

(a1) sampling a received ground wave broadcasting signal according to a fixed frequency clock and converting the sampled result to digital form;

(a2) interpolating and filtering the digital converted broadcasting signal of sub-step (a1) to thereby generate an intermediate value corresponding to each value positioned between the samples, and outputting appropriate values among the intermediate values positioned between the samples according to a symbol timing recovered signal;

(a3) correcting the frequency and phase errors of a carrier in the output signal of sub-step (a2), and converting the frequency and phase error corrected signal into a baseband signal using the error corrected carrier;

(a4) limiting a band of a baseband signal of sub-step (a3) and performing symbol timing recovery from the band limited signal; and

(a5) selecting one of the band limited signal of sub-step (a4) and the output signal of the equalizer, and outputting the selected signal.

4. (currently amended): The equalizer controlling method of claim 1, wherein said ~~step (c) controls the equalizer controlling mode into one mode of~~ is selected from a plurality of equalizer modes, said plurality of equalizer modes including at least a blind mode and a training mode for the equalizer.

5. (previously presented): An equalizer controlling apparatus using a sync signal in a digital vestigial sideband system (VSB), the equalizer controlling apparatus comprising:

a recovery unit performing symbol timing and carrier recovery of digital received data;
an equalizer performing equalizing with respect to an output signal of the recovery unit;
a switching unit connected between an output end of the recovery unit and an output end of the equalizer, for selecting one of two output signals;

a sync signal separator and control signal generator for separating a sync signal from the signal selected in the switching unit and generating various control signals according to the separated sync signal; and

a mode controller for controlling a mode of the equalizer according to the control signals generated in the sync signal separator and control signal generator.

6. (previously presented): The equalizer controlling apparatus of claim 5, wherein said recovery unit comprises:

an oscillator for generating a fixed frequency clock;
an analog-to-digital (A/D) converter for converting a received analog signal into a digital form according to the fixed frequency clock generated in the oscillator;

an interpolation filter for generating intermediate values corresponding to signals positioned between the samples of the digital reception data applied from the A/D converter and outputting appropriate values among the intermediate values positioned between the samples under the control of the symbol timing recovery unit;

a carrier recovery unit for correcting frequency and phase errors of the output signal of the interpolation filter and recovering a carrier;

a multiplier for multiplying the output of the carrier recovery unit by the output of the interpolation filter;

a matched filter for signal-matching an output signal of the multiplier; and

a symbol timing recovery unit for receiving the output signal of the matched filter and performing the symbol timing recovery, to thereby control the interpolation filter.

7. (previously presented): The equalizer controlling apparatus of claim 6, further comprising a NTSC rejection filter (NRF) connected between the matched filter and the equalizer, for performing filtering in order to remove NTSC components from the output signal of the matched filter.

8. (previously presented): The equalizer controlling apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a NRF controller for controlling the NRF to be turned on/off.

9. (previously presented): The equalizer controlling apparatus of claim 8, wherein said switching unit receives the output signals of the matched filter and the equalizer and selects one of two input signals according to the NRF on/off control signals applied from the NRF controller to then be output to the sync signal separator and control signal generator.

10. (previously presented): The equalizer controlling apparatus of claim 9, wherein said switching unit selects the output signal of the matched filter when the NRF is operating, and selects the output signal of the equalizer when the NRF is not operating.

11. (previously presented): The equalizer controlling apparatus of claim 10, wherein said sync signal separator and control signal generator separates a data segment sync signal and a data field sync signal from the signal selected from the switching unit.

12. (previously presented): The equalizer controlling apparatus of claim 5, wherein said mode controller controls the equalizer to operate in a blind mode when a ghost generation is determined or when a sync signal separation is unstable is determined from the control signals produced from the sync signal separator and control signal generator, and to operate in a training sequence mode in the other cases.